

## **NPDES Stormwater**

### **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

## **REPORT OF MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006**

**10:00 A. M.**

**CITY OF SAN CARLOS**

#### **1. INTRODUCTIONS AND REVISION TO AGENDA**

Self-introductions were made, Matt Fabry switched the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan item to the first item on the agenda to facilitate the consultant presentation.

#### **2. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Matt Fabry gave a brief introduction to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), discussing the basic information as related to the San Mateo Countywide Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (STOPPP) and individual municipalities. He then introduced Alyson Watson, IRWMP Project Engineer, and Dave Richardson, IRWMP Program Manager, both with RMC Water and Environment. Alyson and Dave gave a brief presentation on the Flood Control and Stormwater Management functional component of the IRWMP, Proposition 50 grant funds, and the interconnection between the two. They also explained the process and schedule for getting flood control and stormwater management projects into the IRWMP. They gave a deadline for crucial project information submittal of Friday, March 24th, and submittal of remaining project information by April 28. There were various questions about deadlines and types of projects that are appropriate for submittal.

Matt gave a brief overview of three projects EOA prepared for submittal to the IRWMP: 1) Sustainable Streets for Improved Stormwater Quality and Water Reuse, 2) PCBs Investigation and Abatement Program at the Pulgas Creek Pump Station Watershed, San Carlos, and 3) Adobe Bridge Culvert Removal Project. The Sustainable Streets Project is related to developing a stormwater design standards guidebook and constructing stormwater treatment and reuse demonstration projects in conjunction with the El Camino Real "Grand Boulevard" revitalization project. The PCBs Investigation would address PCBs in the subject watershed by combining investigation and abatement activities with outreach and education. The Adobe Bridge project involves removing fish passage obstacles, placing rock weirs to facilitate fish passage, and qualitative effectiveness monitoring for the project. Habte Kifle with the Regional Board expressed his support for both the PCB and Adobe Bridge projects based on his prior involvement and knowledge of both issues. He clarified the Adobe Bridge project is an extension of previous restoration efforts.

Cynthia Royer with Daly City expressed concern that STOPPP not commit itself to cleanup or abatement efforts related to PCBs and to ensure the project description delineates a clear separation of responsibility between STOPPP and responsible parties and have a defined end-point. Eva Justimbaste with Burlingame recommended the PCB project focus on developing procedures that could be used for investigating PCB contamination in other areas. Virginia Parks with Menlo Park recommended pursuing projects affecting disadvantaged communities given that Proposition 50 looks more favorably at such projects. She suggested a trash-related project, perhaps in the Belhaven area in Menlo Park or in East Palo Alto. Marilyn Harang echoed Virginia's thoughts and said Redwood City faces the same issues. Chris Shirley with San Mateo County suggested three other project ideas: 1) Update STOPPP's creek brochure and develop a targeted outreach program, 2) Develop a stream and rain gauge recommissioning program, and 3) Assess potential stormwater infiltration sites throughout the county. Dave with RMC indicated

the more that projects look like capital projects with an up-front investment rather than planning projects, the more favorably they would be viewed with regard to grant funding ranking. Chris Shirley agreed to write up the creek brochure project for IRWMP submittal, Virginia, Marilyn, and Debra O'Leary with East Palo Alto agreed to work together on a trash-related project submittal, and Doug Bell with Burlingame agreed to work on the stream and rain gauge recommissioning project submittal. Matt asked that all project write-ups be submitted to him and he would forward to Alyson with RMC and the TAC representatives. Given the short timeframe for project submittal, Matt recommended all projects be submitted to RMC, and if TAC members later decide they do not want to include a particular project, it could be pulled from the IRWMP.

- B. Matt gave an update on the proposed Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) process. The process has now moved from the subcomponent workgroups to the Steering Committee. At the February Steering Committee meeting, there were a large number of municipal representatives and only a handful of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). The meeting focused on discussion of the ground rules and process for the Steering Committee and then Regional Board staff presented the Monitoring and Industrial Business Inspection work products. Matt indicated Regional Board staff are now proposing to limit Steering Committee participation to ten municipal stormwater representatives, ten NGO representatives, and Board staff. Board staff plans to present one or more workgroup products at each Steering Committee meeting, and solicit comments/feedback on items prior to and at each meeting.

Fred Jarvis with EOA gave an overview of the two summary documents EOA prepared for the Monitoring and Business Inspection workgroup products. He emphasized the proposed monitoring requirements would require significant additional resources from STOPPP. Cynthia Royer, who attended the February Steering Committee meeting, suggested STOPPP needs an advocate with sufficient technical expertise to review and summarize all proposed MRP documents and provide a prioritized list of significant issues as related to impacts on STOPPP. She liked EOA's summary table for the Monitoring component and recommended another column be added that could identify STOPPP's position on a particular issue, or whether it is a high or low priority issue. Fred said EOA can do the type of work Cynthia is recommending in their existing budget. Cynthia also strongly recommended STOPPP representatives attend future Steering Committee meetings. Matt said the next meeting is March 27 from 1 to 3 PM at the Regional Board's office, and the topics of discussion will be the work products from the Total Maximum Daily Load work group and Conditionally Exempted Discharges from the municipal maintenance workgroup. Matt emphasized the importance of STOPPP representatives reviewing and commenting on documents and said he would work with EOA to develop summary documents on the workgroup products.

- C. Matt updated the group that the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) Board approved TAC's recommendation to extend EOA and the County's contracts for technical consultant services for another year so an RFP can be developed and new contracts established by July 1, 2007.
- D. Matt talked briefly about AB1546 programmatic funds and discussed the agenda documents related to this issue. One item was proposed project selection criteria EOA drafted as a way to rank projects. The second was a draft list of future tasks with a proposed schedule for finalizing project ranking and selection. Matt recommended ranking all proposed projects using EOA's criteria and suggested the group consider limiting funding to the top three ranked projects. Matt proposed establishing a work group to review, evaluate, and rank proposed project ideas using the draft selection criteria. Dermott Casey with San Mateo County, Kathleen Phalen with Belmont, and Debra O'Leary with East Palo Alto volunteered to participate in the work group. Under Matt's proposed schedule, the work group will begin reviewing project ideas and plan to develop rankings and funding recommendations by the June TAC meeting.

- E. Due to time constraints, Fred postponed the litigation summary to the next meeting.
- F. Also due to time constraints, Habte Kifle indicated he didn't have any additional information to provide for his Regional Board report.

### 3. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION/PARTICIPATION (PIP) – MARILYN HARANG

Marilyn Harang said the group discussed the PIP component of the MRP process. They are proposing a point system for PIP activities to determine compliance. STOPPP cities will review whether this approach makes sense. The group decided to continue participation in the County Fair. Panagraph was selected as the new image branding consultant for STOPPP. Zun Zun has two openings still for school assemblies. The Grow-it Guide will be updated and purchased for distribution. The new Universal Waste Rules were discussed, including curbside battery collection. The next issue of ReNews will be in papers April 15. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9.

#### COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL AND ILLICIT DISCHARGE – WARD DONNELLY

Ward reported that CII did not meet in March but the annual training workshop will be on March 30 in South San Francisco. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13.

#### NEW DEVELOPMENT – MATT FABRY

Matt reported that ND had a presentation from DES Architects on lessons learned from a failed vegetated swale in a parking lot in Brisbane. There was an update on the New Development portion of the MRP process. Matt indicated he had given a well-received educational presentation on STOPPP and the C.3 provisions to municipal planning directors in the county. A new Builder's Outreach flyer and draft erosion control and stormwater treatment measure inspection forms were discussed. The group discussed plans for the spring training workshop and brainstormed more ideas for AB1546 programmatic funding. The next meeting is scheduled for April 4th and will include a presentation by the Mosquito Abatement District.

#### MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES – Jen Chen

Jen reported the group discussed the municipal maintenance portion of the MRP process, with detailed discussion on street sweeping issues. There was additional discussion about AB1546 programmatic funding and reporting on leaf collection activities. Stormwater treatment measure inspection forms were discussed and a workgroup was established for developing the annual training workshop.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION IPM GROUP – VERN BESSEY

Vern reported the workgroup discussed the leaf collection reporting issue and went over the evaluations from the Integrated Pest Management workshop. Overall, the evaluations were positive.

#### WATERSHED ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING –FRANK MANDOLA

Frank reported WAM had not met in March. The proposed April field trip to Belmont Creek conflicts with the next C/II meeting date and may need to be rescheduled. Matt indicated attendance is lacking at the WAM subcommittee, and recommended municipalities start sending representatives given all the proposed changes to the monitoring component of the MRP.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

### 6. ADJOURNED